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standing. He could still be called back by the courts to serve as a judge. That's what happens when you retire. You are a judge in good standing. Bartu was a judge in standing as good as that as the Chief Justice of this Supreme Court, and nobody on this floor was concerned about it. Nobody out there in society was concerned about it. The other district judges didn't care. Why don't they care? And why does it take somebody who is deemed to be antilaw enforcement to raise these kind of issues? I have never, since I've been on this floor, been partisan in any respect on any issue. That's why I don't register with any party. I have never tried to convert anybody to or away from any religion. I have total moral freedom to do and say the things that I believe because I don't have a doctrine to uphold. I don't have a dogma to support. I am not part of any buddy-buddy system which requires me to play favorites and look the other way when depredations are committed by those who might say that they are my friend or part of my group or my organization. Believe it or not, I take very seriously my obligation as an elected official. It has nothing to do, believe it or not, with nobility or trying to be liked by the people on this floor or liked by anybody anywhere else. It has to do with the obligation really that I have to myself. When I enter an agreement, as I did when I ran for and won this office, and to diverse for a second, have been resentenced over and over and over and am now facing life without possibility of parole, but because I voluntarily...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...took this job, there are things that I feel are my obligation to do even though they are not a part of the job description. We, in public office, have an obligation to improve the public life of the state. I'm going to support these committee amendments. Then I'm going to talk some more on the bill and about the judiciary and some judges.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. There are no further lights on. Senator Brashear, would you like to close on the committee amendments to LR 291CA?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. These committee amendments are editorial in the entirety.